

Congressman Mark Walker to celebrate the new Durham VA Medical Center Hospice opening, Ribbon-Cutting today, April 16, 2019

DURHAM, N.C. - The Durham VA Health Care System has completed construction on a new hospice unit at the Durham VA Medical Center, 508 Fulton St., Durham. An official ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 2p.m. today, April 16, 2019.

Media, community leaders, Veterans and their care takers are all welcome to attend.

"The VA both purchases hospice and palliative care from our community partners as well as provides these services in-house," said DVAHCS Director Paul Crews. "With this new, dedicated inpatient hospice unit, our medical center team can help patients face death with dignity and comfort."

It is a Veteran Centered-Care hospice unit, with 10 beds, nurses, a chaplain, volunteers and social workers who visit hospice residents.

The ribbon cutting ceremony is meant to offer a look at the expanded location that provides a special location for veteran's end-of-life care.

Congressman Mark Walker, representing North Carolina's 6th District, will be the guest speaker of today's celebration.

The expansion area is dubbed a "Heroes Way," where doctors, nurses and health care professionals provide palliative care that seeks to ease patients' pain as they enter the final stage of life.

The Durham VA Health Care System provides health care for some 70,000 Veterans at 10 sites of care within a 27-county catchment area in central and eastern North Carolina.

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